Christian S. Stohler, DMD, DrMedDent, was appointed as the new dean of the College of Dental Medicine effective August 1. Dr. Stohler, a renowned expert on pain management and jaw disorders, joins Columbia after a decade as Dean of the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. Prior to this, Dr. Stohler spent more than 20 years at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he was a professor and director of research at the School of Dentistry, research scientist at the Center for Human Growth and Development, and professor and chair of the Department of Biologic and Materials Sciences. Dr. Stohler received medical degrees in dentistry and hematology from the University of Bern in Switzerland as well as certificates in oral surgery and prosthodontics.

We welcome Dr. Stohler and look forward to sharing his vision for the College in the fall issue of Primus magazine.

CDM has played a leading role in implantology since the 1980’s, when such distinguished faculty as Drs. Burton and Laureen Langer and Dr. Peter Wang were at the forefront of this growing field. By 2010, implant treatment had evolved dramatically with the advent of new materials and technologies. Dean Emeritus Ira Lamster, realizing that a more multidisciplinary, coordinated approach to patient care was needed at CDM, recruited Dr. Dennis Tarnow, an internationally known implantology expert, as Director of Implant Education. Dr. Tarnow made important changes in the College’s approach, discarding the notion that implantology was part of specialty-based residency programs and developing a new curriculum that recognized the value of the specialties, the role of the general dentist, and the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration. He also brought in several implant specialists to join the faculty. From classroom to clinic, students, residents, and faculty now share case presentations, discuss innovative technologies, and review current literature.

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A major achievement of the program was the establishment of the new Implant Center on VC 9, where, for the first time, implant therapy is performed in one location. All six operatories in the Center are equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and advanced computer technology to help plan and guide surgical placement. An intraoral video camera can transmit live surgeries and document the procedures for future use in teaching. But the true focus of the Center is patient care. An implant coordinator, faculty members, residents, dental assistants, and a receptionist dedicated solely to the implant center assure that all steps involved in an implant placement are handled smoothly. After a coordinated treatment plan has been established, the patient returns to a single location for all of the necessary work, without the usual referrals among separate offices or clinics. Not only does the patient appreciate the coordinated care, but such care ensures better clinical outcomes for the patient. The integrated treatment allows costs to be kept low, enabling dentists to refer patients to the Center who may not otherwise be able to afford implant therapy.

Along with the strong leadership of Dr. Tarnow and the construction of the new Implant Center, was the establishment of two fellowship programs, one for U.S. based dentists and a second international training program that attracts students from around the world. In addition, foreign dentists now travel to the College to learn from our implant experts in customized continuing education courses and at an annual symposium held in conjunction with the International Congress of Oral Implantologists.

The Implantology Continuum CE course directed by Dr. Tarnow, Dr. James Fine, Associate Dean for Postdoctoral Education, and Dr. Stephen Chu, Director of Esthetic Dentistry, offers a comprehensive overview from treatment planning to hands-on surgery, enabling general practitioners and specialists to integrate basic implantology into their private practices. Thus, CDM continues to strengthen its stature as a patient-centered teaching hospital and a global leader in implant education.
New Implant Center Dedicated

The dedication of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI) Implant Center in honor of Kenneth W.M. Judy, DDS, FACD, FICD was held on December 6 and attended by faculty, alumni, residents, and friends of the College, including a group of dentists from Japan and Taiwan, many of whom generously contributed to the Center’s fundraising effort. Located on the 9th floor of Vanderbilt Clinic, the Implant Center has six operatories and is used by faculty and residents for all phases of implant treatment. The Center was made possible through the efforts of Dr. Dennis Tarnow, Director of Implant Education, Dr. Kenneth Judy, ICOI Co-Chairman and a member of the CDM Board of Visitors, for whom the Center is named, and Ms. Kate Matsumoto, International Continuing Education Program Advisor.

Birnberg Research Program

The 56th Birnberg Research Program, held April 9 and 10, was established to encourage interest in and support for dental and craniofacial research. The 2013 Birnberg Award recipient was Dr. Peter Polverini, Dean and Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, whose research focuses on angiogenesis and its relationship to cancer and chronic inflammatory disease. The Student Research Poster Session, held on the first day of the program, is the culmination of the annual cycle of research and presentation for CDM students. This year, 42 posters were presented by predoctoral and postdoctoral students, in areas such as basic science, clinical science, behavioral science/public health as well as postdoctoral categories. Twenty-six faculty members from CDM, P&S and the Fu Foundation School of Engineering were involved in the development of the projects.
Editors Note: Patricia Farmer has stepped down after serving for over a decade as the principal writer and editor of CDM's Primus magazine and Primus Notes newsletter. In addition to conducting interviews, writing articles, and editing content, she was also instrumental in the design, layout, and production of both publications. We will miss her warmth and engaging style. Please join us in thanking her for her fine work and wishing her a healthy and happy retirement.

We are pleased to introduce Pat Molholt Levine who has taken over the writer and editor role. Pat was Associate Vice President Levine who has taken over the writer and editor role. Pat was Associate Vice President, Pat Molholt Levine, Associate Editor Melissa Welsh, Assistant Editors Zoila Nogueiro, Geni Connors, and Design Columbia University Print Services.

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Recent Faculty Publications


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ADEA Names Roseanna Graham Leonard Abrams Scholar

ROSEANNA GRAHAM ’05, Associate Professor, Division of Operative Dentistry, has been named the 2013 ADEA/Alpha Omega Foundation/Leonard Abrams Scholar in the ADEA Leadership Institute. The appointment includes a $20,000 stipend that enables her to participate in the ADEA Leadership Institute, a year-long program designed to develop the nation’s most promising dental faculty to become leaders in dental and higher education. The scholarship is named in honor of the late Dr. Leonard Abrams, an internationally recognized educator and researcher in periodontology and prosthodontics. It recognizes an individual who exhibits excellence in teaching and compassion toward fellow human beings, and upholds exemplary ethical and professional standards. “The leadership and dedication that Dr. Graham has shown in her efforts to provide interdisciplinary opportunities for her students, and support to her fellow faculty members, is truly impressive,” says ADEA President Dr. Gerald N. Glickman. “With the collaboration of ADEA and the Alpha Omega Foundation, she will have the opportunity to build upon her clear talents.”

ColumbiaDoctors Opens New Faculty Practice

ColumbiaDoctors opened a new facility at 51 W. 51st Street. Formerly called ColumbiaDoctors Eastside and located at 16 East 60th St., it is the medical and dental practice of the faculty of CDM, P&S, and the nursing school. More than 225 physicians, dentists, and nurse practitioners offer comprehensive medical and laboratory services at the new midtown location. Designed for the convenience of patients, ColumbiaDoctors Midtown offers coordinated appointments for those seeing multiple specialists and there is shuttle service from the Medical Center. The need to expand and establish a larger presence in midtown fueled the move to 51st Street.

There are four additional CDM faculty practice sites, the Columbia University Dental Associates, in Morningside Heights and at the CUMC campus. They are patient-focused and team-based, with general dentists and specialists working together under one roof allowing patients to make the most of every visit.
KAVITA AHLUWALIA, Associate Professor in the Division of Community Health, working with the Meals on Wheels program, Weill Cornell, and the New York City Department for the Aging, secured a donation of toothbrushes and toothpaste from the Colgate-Palmolive Company for program participants in NYC. In preliminary data collected by Dr. Ahluwalia, she found that close to 30% of those in NYC receiving Meals on Wheels cannot eat the food they are receiving because of dental problems. Dr. Ahluwalia took this finding to the New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA) and was able to speak to DFTA’s Assistant Commissioner about the lack of a system to track or document the oral health status of the elderly in NYC. Through Dr. Ahluwalia’s work, DFTA will begin in September to collect oral health information and develop steps to address oral health problems among the elderly.

JING CHEN, Assistant Professor in the Division of Orthodontics, was appointed Director of the Postdoctoral Orthodontics Program effective June 1, 2013. She received a DDS from Peking University and her PhD and Certificate in Orthodontics from the University of Connecticut. Dr. Chen joined the CDM faculty in July 2011.

WEIHUA GUO, Associate Research Scientist in the Center for Craniofacial Regeneration, received the Frechette Award from the Prosthodontics Research Group.

DAVID KOSLOVSKY ’06, Assistant Professor in the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, recently received Board Certification – Diplomate, American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He was also the recipient of the Henry Sage Dunning faculty award.

EVAUTHIA LALLA, was promoted to Professor of Dental Medicine, Division of Periodontics, Section of Oral & Diagnostic Sciences, effective July 1, 2012. Dr. Lalla was also named President Elect of the Peridontal Research Group of the International Association for Dental Research. She will assume the presidency during the group’s 2014 meeting in Cape Town, South Africa.

CHANG HUN LEE, Associate Research Scientist in the Center for Craniofacial Regeneration, was selected as a finalist for the IADR/AADR Hatton Competition. He also received a New Investigator Recognition Award (NIRA) from the Orthopedic Research Society in January 2013.

C. ANTHONY LOPRESTI ’80, Instructor in Oral Surgery and member of the Admissions Committee, has been named a Fellow in the Board of Regents, International College of Dentists.

A new IADR Stem Cell Biology Group was established, based on a proposal submitted by JEREMY MAO, Edwin S. Robinson Professor of Dentistry, and colleagues from other universities. Dr. Mao will serve as the founding president.

The Board of Trustees of the American Academy of Periodontology has selected PANOS N. PAPAPANOU, Chairman of the Section of Oral and Diagnostic Sciences and Director of the Division of Periodontics, to receive a Special Citation for his efforts to correct the misinformation included in the press release accompanying the American Heart Association’s scientific statement, “Periodontal Disease and Atherosclerotic Vascular Disease: Does the Evidence Support an Independent Association?” to the benefit of the public and the profession.

ULRIKE SCHULZE-SPATE, Assistant Professor in the Division of Periodontics, received the American Academy of Periodontology 2013 Educator Award for Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring in Periodontics.

SUNIL WADHWI ’98, Director of the Division of Orthodontics, was elected as Councilor of the IADR Craniofacial Biology Group.
Saluting our Essential Volunteer Faculty

We would like to acknowledge our faculty members who regularly and selflessly devote their time and energy to teaching and mentoring students, postdocs and residents. Working along with part-time and full-time faculty and administrators, these volunteers are essential in helping to advance the educational mission of the College. At the conclusion of each five years of volunteer service, faculty are presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and invited to a luncheon with the Dean. Below lists the 243 current volunteer faculty members with their division and years of service. We offer them our utmost thanks.

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Burke, Alban, Operative Dentistry, 2
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Feldman, Yael, Pediatric Dentistry, 4
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Ganik, Ron, Endodontics, 14
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Zhu, Zhuoli, Orthodontics, new
Zimmerman, John L, Information Technology

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Alumni, colleagues, and friends gathered on April 10 for the dedication of a conference room on the 17th floor of Presbyterian Hospital named in honor of Professor Emeritus Irwin D. Mandel ’45 who died in May 2011. As a researcher, author, and teacher, Dr. Mandel was a major player in shifting the role of dentistry from repair to prevention. Dean Emeritus Ira Lamster remarked that naming the room for Dr. Mandel was particularly appropriate due to his affinity for collaborating and bringing people together.

Clinical Professor Michael Marder ’63 and Associate Clinical Professor Folarin Odusola ’92, with the Irwin Mandel portrait that was relocated to the conference room. As close colleagues of Dr. Mandel, they were instrumental in securing support for naming the conference room.

Irving Kittay – Volunteer Extraordinaire

Irving Kittay DDS ’41, was already more than 40 years into his career when he became a volunteer faculty member at CDM and he has remained a volunteer for 29 years. Add up those numbers and you get a hint of his love for the profession and, especially, for teaching. Not only does he work with Oral Surgery residents in Columbia’s clinic, he teaches weekly in the Mt. Sinai dental service.

Dr. Kittay completed his internship at the Hospital for Joint Diseases in 1941 when it was a freestanding hospital. His next step was military service, assigned as a dentist to an army engineering unit that was building airstrips on Guam and Okinawa. He then went into private practice in New York, and in 1984 was recruited by his classmate Irving Naidorf, as Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

The biggest change he has seen across the years is a difference in the deployment of the multi-disciplinary staff of the Center for Oral, Facial and Head Pain. When he became involved in the Center in the 90’s, there was a large staff immediately at hand for consultations. Today, in the more formal clinic setting, consultations with a psychologist or an oral surgeon take more coordination. He also noted that practice has become more biologic and more scientifically based, due to a better understanding of the disease process and the array of new materials used.

Why, at the age of 95, does Dr. Kittay continue teaching in the clinic and the classroom? His answer: “every encounter is a learning experience and the desire to continue learning and sharing is a powerful motivator.”
The College of Dental Medicine partnered with the International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI) for the 3rd Annual Dental Implant Symposium, *Transformational Concepts in Implantology*, held on December 7 and 8 in Alfred Lerner Hall on the Morningside Campus. Moderated by Dr. Dennis Tarnow, Director of Implant Education, and Dr. Kenneth Judy, ICOI Co-Chairman, the program featured 12 of the top speakers in the field who presented on new trends in implant research and technology. An international audience of more than 600 dental professionals attended.

**ABOVE** Speakers included: Torsten Jemt, Abdelsalam Elaskary, Michael Gahlert, Tomaso Vercellotti, Dennis Tarnow, Ueli Grunder, German Gallucci, Tord Berglundh, and Stephen Chu.

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**Contemporary Issues in Dentistry Visiting Professor Program**

**JOSEPH MCMANUS**, Associate Clinical Professor in the Section of Social and Behavioral Sciences, the 2012 Visiting Professor, spoke on “Practice Models of the Future” at the January 28 Contemporary Issues in Dentistry program. Student Scholars Jenny Sun ’13 and Michael Yang ’13 gave presentations on dental practice management companies - from management’s perspective and from the dentist’s perspective. The 2013 program to be held on November 8 will focus on “The future of health information technology.” This annual program addressing contemporary issues in dentistry is chaired by Ralph Kaslick ’59, Perio ’62, and is made possible by a generous grant from the Colgate-Palmolive Company.
Neill Serman

Neill Serman, Professor of Clinical Dentistry and Director of Oral Radiology died on December 22, 2012. Dr. Serman retired in June 2005, and had been living in Canada.

Dr. Serman was first appointed to the faculty in September 1987. He earned the B.D.S. from the University of Witwatersrand in 1969, the M.S. in Dental Science (Radiology) from the University of Stellenbosch in 1982, and was awarded the D.D.S. from Columbia in 1989. He was a member of several professional organizations, including the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, the International Association of Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology, and the International Association of Dental Research. He was the recipient of the Edward V. Zegarelli Teaching Award in 1994 and was also selected as the Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year by the Dental Student Council in 1992.

Robert Schorr, Perio ’66, died on November 17, 2012. He was formerly director of the Advanced Program in Periodontics and Implant Dentistry at NYU College of Dentistry.

George Rudensky ’58, died on January 31, 2013. An Associate Clinical Professor since 1960, Dr. Rudensky began his career in medicine in the Ukraine.

Robert Alexander ’33, died on December 29, 2012 at the age of 104. He was a dedicated member of the 1852 Society and a generous donor to the College of Dental Medicine.

George Lacovara ’62, died on March 13, 2013. A Past President of the Connecticut Dental Association, he practiced general dentistry in Fairfield, CT for over 40 years.

Donations in her memory can be made to the Orthodontic Gift Fund and will be used for scholarships.
Student Match Day on January 28 was the culmination of a rigorous application process that begins in the junior year when students rotate through hospital externship programs. In the fall of their fourth-year, approximately 95% of the students apply to specialty and residency programs, which involves multiple applications, fees, interviews, and travel. Endodontics and Orthodontics are the only programs that do not participate in the Match - those placement results are finalized in the fall and students who applied to these programs find out months before the rest of their classmates.

The 2013 Match results were extremely favorable, with most students matching into their first choice program.

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| OMFS-6Y | 2 |
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| ORTHO | 7 |
| PED. DENT. | 5 |
| PERIO | 3 |
| PROSTH. | 1 |
| ENDO | 3 |
| GPR | 29 |
| AEGD | 5 |
| UNIFORMED SVCS. | 7 |
| FELLOWSHIP | 1 |
| DUAL DEGREE TRAINING | 1 |
| PRIVATE PRACTICE | 9 |

Relay for Life

On Sunday, April 7, the Class of 2016’s fundraising efforts for the American Cancer Society culminated at the Relay For Life event held on the Columbia campus, with music, games, and hundreds of students raising money to support cancer research. The Columbia Dental team raised $3,547 and included 39 members from both CDM and the pre-dental club on the Morningside Campus. Throughout the day, speakers shared inspiring stories of their personal struggles with cancer or how their role as a caregiver for a family member or friend has affected their lives. Team Columbia Dental sold tooth shaped cookies and provided information about CDM’s clinic where screening for oral cancer is a priority.

Student National Dental Association: Anatomy Lovers

“Anatomy Lovers” is a series of anatomy review sessions designed to help first-year students prepare for their anatomy exams. Second-year students stage mock exams and answer questions on the format and content of the actual exams. Of tremendous help to the students, this initiative is one of many organized through the Student National Dental Association.
SNDA Spring Impressions

The Impressions program, itself a play on words, is designed to “impress” undergraduate students with a hint of what the field of dentistry entails and expose underrepresented pre-dental students to a career in dentistry and the school’s application and financial aid processes. CDM's Spring 2013 Impressions program attracted 75 undergraduates representing more than 25 schools, making it one of the most successful ever.

Dr. Candice Zemnick reviews impression making in the preclinical lab.

Dr. Albert Thompson discusses the CDM admissions process.

The daylong program included presentations by representatives from Kaplan DAT prep, and the United States Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program. Also involved were Dr. Albert Thompson ’60, Assistant Clinical Professor and member of the Admissions Committee, Diana Parra from Financial Aid and Associate Professor, Dr. Candice Zemnick who provided a comprehensive hands-on lab presentation.

Miles for Smiles

On June 1 a Harlem neighborhood bustled with costumed cartoon characters, carnival games, jugglers and a large dental screening area. CDM's Division of Community Health held its “Miles for Smiles” walk to raise awareness of early childhood caries, in cooperation with Columbia University Head Start’s Community Block Party, that promotes healthy habits in northern Manhattan communities. Faculty, alumni, and student volunteers conducted dental screenings for children and adults, and checkpoints along the four-block walk route had oral and general health related messages.
Student Announcements:

CAROLINA BOTERO ‘15, received the ADA Foundation Underrepresented Minority Predoctoral Dental Student Scholarship in the amount of $2,500.

JOSE CASTILLO ‘14, has been chosen as Fellow in the ADEA Academic Dental Careers Fellowship Program. Dr. Courtney Chinn, Assistant Professor in Community Health, is his mentor. Mr. Castillo was also awarded the Jose Morales Scholarship sponsored by the Association of Hispanic Healthcare Executives whose mission is to support the educational pipeline of Latinos entering the health professions. Four scholarships were awarded nationwide, only one to a dental student.

JEFF HAJIBANDEH ‘14, and MICHAEL SHAPIRO ‘14, have each received the 2013 ADEA/Crest Oral Laboratories Scholarship for Predoctoral Dental Students Pursuing Academic Careers in the amount of $5,000. CDM students received the only two nationally given awards.

VICTOR KAGAN ‘14, is a member of the University Senate’s Student Affairs Committee that represents the interests of all 28,000 students of Columbia’s 18 colleges and affiliated institutions. During the spring, the Committee undertook a massive survey to explore questions around, “What can Columbia University do to improve the well-being of its students across the board?” Topics include housing, academics, social life, health, safety, transportation, and space, all of which can be addressed by administrative actions. The 2013 survey will serve as a baseline, and will be repeated every two years.

TENER HUANG ‘13, was the first graduate of the revamped dual degree program in dental medicine and public health. The program reconfigured evening and weekend courses into a rigorous five-year program with two semesters devoted to public health. “Tener not only fulfilled the requirements of the program but did so in such a way as to establish the standard by which subsequent trainees are expected to perform,” says Burton L. Edelstein, Professor and Chairman of the Section of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

JIWON LEE ‘14, was elected President of the American Student Dental Association. Ms. Lee is the third CDM student to hold this national position.

NEERAJA N. PRABHAKARAN ‘16, received the 2013 American Association of Dental Research Student Resident Fellowship.

KRUTI SANGHAVI ‘15, received the ADA Foundation Predoctoral Dental Student Scholarship in the amount of $2,500. Only 20 are given nationally.

THOMAS SPINELL, PERIO ‘13, received both the award for Excellence in Postdoctoral Periodontics and the Melvin L. Morris Periodontal Research Fellowship Award. The Awards are presented each year to 3rd year residents who excelled in their studies.

ALEXANDER VOLCHONOK, PERIO ‘15, received the Murray Schwartz Scholarship Award in Postdoctoral Periodontics meant to recognize a resident who has demonstrated extraordinary commitment and performance during the first year of the graduate program.

YAKOV YAKUBOV ‘16, received the 2013 Summer Dental Student Award from the National Institute of Dentistry.
Excellence Recognized

The Class Day Awards Ceremony on May 22 featured the presentation of 60 awards for outstanding achievement. In addition to serving as Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Richard Lichtenthal, Chair of the Section of Adult Dentistry, was selected by the Class of 2013 as the featured Class Day speaker.

RIGHT ▶ Student Government President Evan Krause receives the Ella Marie Ewell Award for distinguished service to fellow students from Vice Dean Letty Moss-Salentijn at the Class Day awards ceremony.

2013 Graduation:

Dean Myers initiated a new tradition asking graduating students to bow their heads as he read the "Oath for the Profession" that is similar to the Hippocratic Oath.

LEFT ▶ Vice Dean Letty Moss Salentijn presents the Edward V. Zegarelli Teaching Award to Dr. Angela Yoon ’03, John W. Richter Associate Professor of Oral Pathology.

The CDM Graduation Ceremony was held on May 23 at the New Balance Track & Field Center near the Medical Center campus. Seventy-nine students received their diplomas from Interim Dean Ronnie Myers. Dean Emeritus Ira B. Lamster, currently Professor of Health Policy & Management at the Mailman School of Public Health, gave the graduation address. Vice Dean for Academic Affairs Letty Moss-Salentijn presented a gold lapel pin with the CDM logo to each graduate, a gift from Christopher Bonacci ’92, MD ’95, OMFS ’98. She also presented the Zegarelli Teaching Award to Dr. Angela Yoon, John Richter Associate Professor of Oral Pathology. Additional remarks were made by Austin Carr, Class President, and by outgoing Alumni President Renee Litvak, who was presented with a plaque honoring her for completing her two-year term as President.
Leslie Seldin 2013 Alumni Medalist

**LESLIE W. SELDIN ’66**, associate professor of Dental Medicine, was awarded the 2013 Alumni Medal by the Columbia Alumni Association during the 23rd Commencement Ceremony on May 23. Dr. Seldin has been chair of CDM’s Board of Visitors since 2001 and serves in numerous supporting roles within the College of Dental Medicine. His many honors include receiving the school’s Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1987 and the Distinguished Service Award from the American Dental Association (ADA) in 2008. Dr. Seldin was a leader during his pre-doctoral years, serving as president of the student government and editor of the Dental Columbian yearbook. His leadership positions within organized dentistry have included serving as president of the New York State Dental Association and first vice president of the ADA.

Since 1991, Dr. Seldin has been a spokesperson for the ADA and is a recognized expert in the medico-legal aspects of dentistry. Dr. Seldin and his wife, Dr. Constance P. Winslow, an orthodontist who has served on the dental faculty for many years, established a need-based scholarship at the school to support promising students.

Alumni Medalists are recognized for building Columbia’s community—whether regionally, online, in specific schools, or in cross-campus initiatives.

**LEFT** ▶ George Van Amson ’74CC, Chair of CAA and Trustee Emeritus and Jacqueline A. Bello, MD, FACR ’80 PA ’85, Chair of the CAA Honors and Prizes Committee, present the Alumni Medal to Dr. Seldin.
Postdoctoral Graduation Ceremony held on June 14 was presided over by Dr. James Fine, Associate Dean for Postdoctoral Programs. Sixty-five postdoctoral students and residents from the 11 specialty and residency programs received Certificates or Master of Science degrees. They came from countries around the globe including India, Belgium, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Italy, Taiwan, Indonesia, and Croatia, as well as across the United States. The Allan J. Formicola Teaching Postdoctoral Award was presented to Dr. Mitchell Kellert, Endo ’79, Assistant Clinical Professor in the Division of Endodontics. Graduates were welcomed into the Alumni Association by Alumni President Julie Connolly ’01, Perio ’05, and received a pen with the CDM logo provided by Dr. Thomas Magnani ’80, President of the 1852 Society.

ABOVE: Graduates of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry I & II Programs with Program Director Philip Terman.

Mitchell Kellert, receiving the Formicola Volunteer Faculty Award at the Postdoctoral Graduation Ceremony from Letty Moss-Salentijn, Vice Dean for Academic Affairs. Dr. Kellert’s remarks focused on the importance of giving back.
The March 15 Sidney Horowitz Lecture at the Thomas Cangialosi Annual Orthodontic Alumni Meeting featured a presentation on Improving the Predictability of Quality Treatment Results with Invisalign by Dr. Robert Boyd, Orthodontics Chairman at the University of the Pacific. This lecture series was established in 1991 in recognition of Dr. Horowitz’s special commitment to scholarship and research in orthodontics. Attended by over 90 alumni, faculty, and residents, the meeting included presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Award to Paul Melone, Assistant Clinical Professor, and special recognition of Dr. Thomas Cangialosi who is now directing the Postdoctoral Orthodontic Program at UMDNJ. Dr. Cangialosi was recently presented with the prestigious Albert H. Ketchum Memorial Award at the AAO meeting in Orlando in May.

Interim Dean Ronnie Myers hosted an Alumni Luncheon in Washington D.C. on March 9 at Brasserie Beck, held in conjunction with the Nation’s Capital Dental Meeting.

Mentor Reception – establishing connections

Forty students and twenty alumni and faculty mentors attended the Annual Mentor Reception on May 9 held in the Tauber Room in Butler Library on the Morningside Campus. The event gives students the opportunity to discuss future careers in all aspects of dentistry. This year Alumni President Renee Litvak restructured the Mentor Program and matched 44 Alumni Mentors with third-year students.

Orthodontic Spring Meeting at the Columbia Club

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Class Reunion Day 2013

The May 3 Class Reunion Day program was dedicated to Dr. Martin J. Davis ’74, Peds ’75, who retired as Senior Associate Dean in December after serving on faculty for 42 years. The agenda included recognition of the Reunion Classes ranging from 1943 to 2008, a presentation on the Global Oral Health Program La Romana Initiative, and presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Award to Dr. Davis. The day concluded with a reception in Bard Hall.

The Martin J. Davis, D.D.S. Scholarship has been established in his honor and will be presented to forth-year students based on merit and service to the College. To donate to the fund contact Geri Connors, Director of Development, at 212-342-5612 or gc2399@columbia.edu.

Martin Davis ’74, Peds ’75, receives the Distinguished Alumni Award from Alumni President Renee Litvak ’02, Endo ’04.

CLASS OF 1943 Stanley Mondshine and Henry Nahoum celebrate their 70th Reunion.

Joshua Tuzman ’03, and his father Louis Tuzman ’73, visit with Associate Clinical Professor Folarin Odusola during a tour of the 7th floor clinic.
ClAss OF 1963 Gerald Kirshbaum (Class Rep), James Botwick, Ronald Gittess, Abe Finkel, Martin Rosol (Class Rep) and Howard Tolk.

ClAss OF 1968 Stephen Katz.

ClAss OF 1963 Jeffery Senzer and Louis Tuzman reminisce with their yearbook.

ClAss OF 1978 Howard Deutsch, Jack Irwin, Frank Stapleton (Class Rep), Mark Tepper, and Priscilla Konecky.
Class Reunion Day 2013


CLASS OF 1988 Lynn Fan, Marie Mckenzie-Tola, Pavarthi Pokala, and Garfield Neita.

CLASS OF 1993 Sarina Reddy (Class Rep), Bardia Toulabi, Jack Degrado (Class Rep), Spencer Lew, Siamak Mogharei, and Arlene Montalbo.

CLASS OF 2003 Laura Greenwald, Renuka Bijoor (Class Rep), Ayelet Yoles, Joshua Tuzman, Vivian Yeh, and Alan Chien.

CLASS OF 2008 with Associate Dean Laureen Zubiaurre: Erica Diguglielmo, Tina Vani (Class Rep), Sheenu Goel (Class Rep), Associate Clinical Professor Michelle Mirsky, and Nilofur Jariwalla, Joseph Dubin, Cory Bailey, and Shon Diguglielmo ’06.
Reunion Reception Honoring Dr. Davis

Daniel Zedeker ’83, brother of Dr. Davis, and classmate Stuart Epstein ’74, with Martin Davis.

New Columbia Alumni Directory

The Columbia Alumni Association has partnered with Harris Connect to produce an alumni directory that will pull together information from Columbia alumni around the world, allowing you to connect with one another. All CU Alumni will receive a postcard, e-mail, or telephone call requesting that you update your contact information for the directory. The bound, hard cover directory will have alphabetical listings by region, school, and college, and the CD ROM will be fully searchable. Directories will be available for purchase in print or CD form early in 2014.

Information is kept confidential and made available only to other alumni and staff of Columbia. You can be listed regardless of whether you decide to purchase the directory. If you choose not to be listed, we hope you’ll use this opportunity to update your information with Columbia. We will honor your specific requests to exclude part or all of your biographical data from the publication.

If you have a question about how to be listed in, or how to purchase the directory, or if you wish to be removed from the contact list, please call Harris Connect directly at 1-800-877-6554 or e-mail customerservice@harrisconnect.com.
Reception at the GNY Meeting

The annual reception held at the Marriott Marquis on November 28 during the GNY Dental Meeting attracted over 220 alumni, faculty, and students. Faculty awards were presented to Dr. Dante Torrese ’75 (Guy Metcalf Clinical Instructor Award), Dr. Nurit Bittner ’11, Prosth ’08 (Stanislaw Brzustowicz Junior Faculty Award), and Dr. Richard Lichtenthal ’62 (Melvin Moss Senior Faculty Award). The 2013 reception will be held on Wednesday, December 4.

Associate Clinical Professor Michelle Mirsky ’77 presents the Clinical Faculty award to Dante Torrese ’75, Assistant Clinical Professor in the Division of Operative Dentistry.

Richard Lichtenthal ’62, Chairman of the Section of Adult Dentistry, recipient of the Senior Faculty Award with classmate Mark Tenner ’62 and Alumni President Renee Litvak ’02, Endo ’04.

Members of the Class of 1987 reunite at the GNY Reception: Frank Valdinoto, Michele Jehenson, Donald Liebers, Vicky Evangelidis, John Toumanios, Barry Mitchel, Virginia Mitchell, David Dane, Joyce Johnson-Harris.

Prosthodontics Division Director George White presents the Junior Faculty Award to Assistant Professor Nurit Bittner ’11, Prosth ’08
One often sees the phrase “Corporate-name-here Cares,” from the NBA Cares to Ford Cares. Although Henry Schein, the world’s largest provider of medical, dental, and veterinary products for office-based practitioners, did not originate the use of “Cares,” it was among its early adopters. For Henry Schein, there was a natural linkage between doing well in business and doing good through philanthropy. Since its inception in 2001, the Henry Schein Cares program has been championed by Steve Kess, VP for Global Professional Relations. The program built on over eight decades of commitment to helping meet the needs of underserved members of the community in the United States and around the world, and was first put in place by the company’s founders, Henry and Esther Schein.

Initially a consultant, Steve joined Henry Schein in 1989 and became President of the Alternative Healthcare Group in 1991. His role at Henry Schein took a step forward in 1993 when the Chairman of the Board and CEO of the company, Stanley Bergman, asked him to join him at the American Fund for Dental Health two-day strategy planning meeting. Because the Chairman could not stay for the full two days, Steve was to fill in. About an hour into the first day of the meeting, Kess began speaking up, offering ideas that were new and well received. Suddenly the Chairman tapped him on the knee and said, “I’m leaving.” It presaged a long and productive career with the company.

In 1995 Henry Schein went public with 700 employees. It is currently an $8.9 billion business with more than 15,500 employees. Its longtime support of CDM is an example of the company’s philosophy of philanthropy—building relationships, understanding communities and shared interests, and differentiating the company as a member of the healthcare community, not just a supplier to it. Henry Schein’s work nationwide in Give Kids a Smile Day has already reached five million children and its goal of ten million children by 2020 appears wholly attainable, based on the consistently enthusiastic response by dentists and their communities.

Another aspect of their philanthropy concerns disaster preparedness and response. Working with a wide variety of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), Henry Schein is prepared to respond in the first 72 hours after a disaster strikes with supplies that are warehoused for this purpose. Because the company has operations or affiliates in 25 countries worldwide, its ability to respond in those crucial first hours when the need is greatest is global.

Henry Schein practices a public-private partnership model for addressing global health issues, which it has demonstrated is good both for the public and the business. It collaborates with government, academic institutions, NGOs, community leaders, health professionals, and other industries and together they seek to coordinate and align their collective efforts with the needs and priorities of the broader community. In this way, Henry Schein is able to enhance its ability to deliver needed resources and be a partner in the healthcare environment.

Since 2010, Henry Schein has provided the College of Dental Medicine with generous support in cash and in-kind contributions of equipment and supplies totaling $1.8 million. The company’s support has enabled the renovation of patient reception and registration areas, triage and radiography areas, and the Henry Schein, Inc. Diagnostic and Emergency Care Clinic on Vanderbilt 7. The Implant Center on Vanderbilt 9 and CDM’s faculty practice facilities, including the recently re-located ColumbiaDoctors Midtown practice at 51 West 51st Street, also benefited from Henry Schein’s support. In addition, CDM’s community programs, including the ElderSmile and DentCare programs, and the Mobile Dental Van have received support. The College is most appreciative of this important partnership.
Jean Weng Holden DDS ’91, Perio ’95 and Douglas Holden DDS ’91, MD ’95 have endowed two scholarship funds at CUMC, one for the dental school and the other for the medical school. The dental scholarship will be awarded annually to a fourth-year student who has demonstrated academic excellence. These scholarship gifts are rooted in Doug’s and Jean’s belief that Columbia is important to them - without their education they would not have the wonderful life they share with their three children. The real turning point, however, came during Operation Iraqi Freedom when Doug served in Kuwait and Iraq. During his deployment, friends, many of whom were Columbia alumni, frequently called to check up on the family and often hosted Jean and the children for dinner, easing her burden. Doug vowed that if he returned safely, as soon as he was financially able he would give back to Columbia.

Doug’s medical degree from Columbia was the stepping-stone to his partnership at one of the most prestigious orthopedic practices in Bergen County, New Jersey. In addition, it was Columbia that brought them together as husband and wife. They were close friends during their years at CUMC and started dating after they graduated. They believe that the strength of their 19-year union is due to this strong foundation of friendship. They hope one day their children, Alexandra, 16, Austin, 12, and Samantha, 4, will have a chance to experience the wonderful education and friendships that Columbia provides.

Doug also established a scholarship at his alma mater, the University of Rochester, and they plan to establish one at Jean’s alma mater, Boston University. Setting a more immediate example for their children, they also regularly donate to the senior class awards at Alexandra’s school, Bergen County Academies, a magnet public high school in Hackensack, New Jersey.
Columbia University has received a generous gift of $500,000 from Victoria Constantinescu ‘82 and her husband Serban Constantinescu MSME ’77, which they wish to be divided evenly between the College of Dental Medicine and the School of Engineering and Applied Science. The Constantinescu’s gift was made in “deep gratitude” for Columbia’s “flexibility and open mindedness.”

When the Constantinescus emigrated to this country from Romania in the last quarter of the 20th century, both held postgraduate degrees in their chosen fields, dentistry and physics. But, to begin practicing dentistry, Dr. Constantinescu needed a license from the state of Ohio, where they had settled. Unfortunately, Ohio, which was not one of the few states then granting foreign graduates the right to take the dental license examination, required applicants to be graduates of an American dental college. To earn the necessary second degree Dr. Constantinescu applied to several Ohio universities where she was told, however, that she must undertake the expensive four-year process in its entirety again.

Because her husband had great appreciation for Columbia University where he had already completed a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering, she decided to approach the University’s dental school. Taking her previously earned credentials into account, SDOS (now CDM) offered her a curriculum composed of the specific studies needed for her to qualify as an American dental school graduate. As a result of many fortunate occurrences, but not least the dental school’s willingness to make special arrangements for her, Dr. Constantinescu has enjoyed a successful general practice in Cleveland, Ohio, for the past 25 years.

She and her husband, now both retired, feel that without Columbia’s willingness to make the academic accommodations necessary for earning their American degrees, they could not have realized their professional success, making it much more difficult to “crack the door” to a happy life in their adopted country. Dr. Constantinescu hopes her ability to “contribute a little to Columbia’s good deeds” will remind fellow alumni how much they all owe to the education and training received at CDM.

(This article is reprinted with corrections from Primus Winter ’12–’13.)

Columbia Giving Day

What an amazing team effort last year! The success of the first Columbia Giving Day was a tribute to the generous alumni and faculty at CDM. We raised over $50,000, and ranked third among Columbia’s 16 schools in alumni participation, and eighth in the “Main Match Challenge” resulting in an additional $28,000 from the Trustees! We look forward to doing even better during the 2013 Giving Day, on October 23rd.
Today with bank interest rates at an all time low, many of us are looking for ways to support CDM and stay within our means. One way is by funding a Charitable Gift Annuity with Columbia University.

**Your single gift returns four benefits:**

A fixed payment for life, to you and a loved one, or just to a loved one; a current tax deduction; membership in the William J. Gies Planned Giving Society; and critical support for CDM’s future.

For your gift of an annuity to Columbia University College of Dental Medicine you will receive lifetime payments at a fixed rate.

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Q. Dr. Lee, you were raised and did your undergraduate work in Washington State, a long way from New York geographically and culturally. How did you come to choose Columbia’s College of Dental Medicine?

A. Early on I had dual interests in science and policy and the Columbia program allowed me to get both the DDS and MPH degrees. This was relatively unique and very appealing. In addition, I had a brother who was attending Columbia as an undergraduate so that eased the transition.

Q. How did you choose Pediatric Dentistry?

A. Dr. Marty Davis was a major influence on my decision, so by the time I left Columbia I was firm in my choice and clear that I wanted to be an academician and conduct research as well as teach. The University of North Carolina offered the opportunity I sought and I began a PhD in Public Health Policy and Management and a Certificate Program in Pediatric Dentistry. I completed these programs in 2002.

A. Research is clearly important to you and you were the first dentist to receive the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers in 2010, nominated by the National Institutes of Health. Tell us about the award and your research.

A. Being the first dentist to receive this award was an amazing experience. I was among a group of highly talented people and felt quite humbled. It was exciting to meet President Obama. My research has always focused on dental health literacy. For example, I am currently working on better understanding what, when, and how we tell parents about oral health for young children. The messages don’t seem to be getting across and there are far more oral health problems than there should be. We know the right preventative treatments but parents are not practicing them. Why is this?

Q. You are the Graduate Program Director in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at UNC. How has Pediatric Dentistry changed and what advice do you give your students?

A. I think there are two differences today. While the basic science of dentistry has not changed, the roles of child psychology and child development have taken on greater importance. Also there is a difference in the involvement of parents in their children’s treatment. Today they are at the dentist’s elbow during procedures and I strongly prefer this. I want them to be a partner with me in the treatment. As for advice to my students, it’s simple: follow your gut. You can list all the pros and cons regarding career choice decisions but in the end you need to feel you’re doing the right thing. If you’ve got passion for what you’re doing, the other things will work out.

Editor’s Note: Dr. Lee was named At Large Trustee of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry at its 66th Annual Session in May.
Continuing Dental Education Course Schedule

Comprehensive Implantology Continuum: From Diagnosis to Hands-on Surgery.
Course Directors: Dr. Dennis Tarnow, Dr. James Fine, Dr. Stephen Chu. 
Integrate basic implantology into your practice. Training in patient evaluation, surgical placement and implant prosthetics plus hands-on model-based training using major implant systems.

**Part I: Didactic and Hands-on Model Based training:**
Option I: Six weekend sessions, 9 am-5 pm: Oct. 5-6, Nov. 16-17, Jan. 11-12, Feb. 22-23, March 22-23, April 26-27

**Part II: Clinical Implant Placement (optional):** 
Upon successful completion of Part I and after two observation sessions in our Implant Clinic, participants may perform up to two surgical implant placements on a patient in a one-on-one clinical setting.

**Implant Study Club:** Dr. James Fine
Interactive discussions and case review.
Oct. 2, Nov. 20, Jan. 15, March 19, May 14. 6-8 pm. 2 CE Credits. CUMC.

**Esthetic Study Club:** Dr. Michelle Mirsky
Interactive discussions and case review. Wed. Nov. 11: 6-8 pm. 2 CE Credits. CUMC.

**Osaka Dental University and CDM Present:**
**Esthetic Dentistry, Implantology & Periodontics:**
The Newest Trends from Columbia University
Dean Christian Stohler, Dr. James Fine, Dr. Gregg Lituchy, Dr. Richard Smith

**Tobacco Cessation Intervention and the Oral Effects of Tobacco Products**
Dr. Lynn Tepper, Dr. David Koslovsky.
Fri., Oct. 18: 9am-12 pm. 2 CE Credits. CUMC.

**4th Annual Columbia University/ICOI Dental Implant Symposium:**
New Dimensions in Implantology
Scientific Chairman: Dr. Dennis Tarnow. Speakers: Dr. Christos Angelopoulos, Dr. Francesco Amato, Dr. Eduardo Anitua, Dr. João Caranes, Dr. Joseph Carpentieri, Dr. Marco Degidi, Dr. Markus Hürzeler, Dr. Tidu Mankoo, Dr. Ziv Mazor, Dr. Marc Nevins, Dr. Richard Smith, Dr. Istvan Urban.

**Sinus Lift Surgery- the Lateral Approach: A Clinical Workshop**
Dr. James Fine, Dr. Khalid Choudhary.
Fri & Sat. Jan 10-11. 10 CE credits. CUMC

**Practical Infection Control for the Dental Office (9 am-12 pm) and CPR Re-certification (1-4 pm)**, Dr. Ronnie Myers, Mike Caffrey.
Fri. Jan 17. 3 Credits per session. CUMC.

**EVENTS CALENDAR**

**SEPTEMBER**
SUN, SEPT. 29 6-7:30 pm | Philadelphia, PA
Periodontics Alumni Reception at AAP. Philadelphia Marriott.

**OCTOBER**
THURS, OCT. 10 5:30-7:30 pm | Orlando, FL
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Alumni Reception at AAOMS. The Peabody Hotel.
THURS, OCT. 10 5:30-7 pm | Las Vegas, NV
Prosthodontic Alumni Reception at ACP.
SAT, OCT. 12 6:30-9:30 pm | NYC
CAA Alumni Medalists Gala honoring Dr. Leslie Seldin ’66.

Wed, Oct. 23 4-6:30pm | CUMC

THURS, OCT. 24 6:30-9 pm | Houston, TX
Houston Alumni Study Club Meeting.

**NOVEMBER**
SAT, NOV. 2 5:30-7:30pm | New Orleans, LA
Alumni, Faculty & Student Reception at ADA. Hilton New Orleans Riverside.

FRI, NOV. 8 9 am-2 pm | NYC
Columbia Visiting Professorship Program: Contemporary Issues in Dentistry: The future of health information technology. Visiting Professor: Dr. Amit Acharya, Dental Informatics Scientist, Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation. 3 CE Credits.

**DECEMBER**
WED, DEC. 4 6-8 pm | NYC
Alumni, Faculty & Student Reception at GNY Dental Meeting. Marriott Marquis.

**JANUARY**
FRI, JAN. 31 12-1:30 pm | Boston, MA
Alumni Luncheon at Yankee Dental Meeting. Westin Waterfront Hotel.

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